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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/444,968	Applicant(s) VANDEVOORDE ET AL.	
	Examiner Melanie Bagwell-Bissett	Art Unit 1711	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2001.

2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-11 and 13-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☒ Claim(s) 6 is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 12 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The rejections based on 35 USC 102 (claims 1-2, 4-5, and 12) and 35 USC 103 (claim 3) have been maintained. Claim 6 has now been indicated as allowed based on the applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ho.
4. Support for this rejection can be found in a prior Office action dated 6 March 2001.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
6. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ho.
7. Support for this rejection can be found in the Office action dated 6 March 2001.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claim 6 is allowed.

Response to Arguments

9. Regarding the applicant's arguments that the polyurethane dispersion formed in example 8 and 9 of the Ho reference is not a coating composition, it is noted that the dispersion is a composition that could inherently be used as a coating, thus reading on a coating composition. It is the examiner's position that the liquid mixture of Ho's invention could inherently coat a substrate, since the reference does not indicate instability of the mixture. The fact that the components would react at room temperature after a period of time supports the fact that the composition would be stable for a period of time.
10. In response to the applicant's arguments that the coating composition of Ho's invention comprises only a hydroxyl-functional polyurethane and a polyisocyanate, it is noted that the formulation of Table 5 suggests a composition comprising the elements of the applicant's claim 1. In the broadest interpretation of the claim, a coating composition made from the claimed components reads on a coating composition comprising the components. Since claim 1 is drawn to a composition and not a method, the reaction steps are irrelevant to the patentability of the claim. In other words, it is the examiner's position that claim 1 is not limited to an unreacted composition but rather encompasses compositions made with the claimed components.
11. Regarding the applicant's arguments that no motivation has been provided for modifying the composition to use hydroxy group-containing polyacrylates as the hydroxy group containing film-forming polymer, it is noted that the examiner has supplied motivation for including acrylic polymers having hydroxyl functionality. Thus, the

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composition containing an acrylic polymer would comprise a hydroxy group-containing film forming polymer, regardless of other film-forming polymers present.

Conclusion

12. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melanie Bagwell-Bissett whose telephone number is (703) 308-6539. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

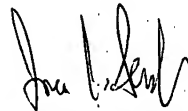
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (703) 308-2462. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)

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872-9310 for regular communications and (703) 872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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